

**Regular Council Meeting
May 12, 2009**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of May 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Jean Arrant, Ray Jackson, Mark Martin and Charlie Simmons. Council member Earl King was absent. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Engineer Representative Charles Peters (PMA), Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, City Planner Latilda Henninger and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Simmons gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Approval of Past Minutes

Councilman Jackson motioned to accept the minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 23, 2009 as written, Councilman Martin seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

1. Planning Issues

Ms. Henninger informed council that due to some questions she had received regarding community signs, the planning board has requested approval to review and revise the entire section of the land development code regarding signs. Councilman Martin asked if there were not a signage review during the development process and Ms. Henninger stated no. Council agreed to allow the planning board to review the sign code.

Ms. Henninger informed council that she had received approval from DCA on the Evaluation and Appraisal report and now she could proceed with the EAR based amendment.

2. Legal Matters

Attorney Adkinson stated that he had provided a copy of the City of DeFuniak's ordinance regarding occupational licenses for their review. With council's approval, they would discuss at the next meeting.

3. Fire Department Report

Chief Greenslait updated the council on the following items:

- Fire hydrants have been painted and tested on Bay Grove Road, and Highway 3280 was next
- Ford Ranger has been painted and repaired and is operational
- Mr. Wade Jackson had donated a 2001 19' Larson boat to the fire department. While the donation is greatly appreciated, the fire department will not be able to utilize it for rescue and request council approve selling tickets to auction the boat for funds to purchase equipment. Council requested Mr. Greenslait notify Mr. Jackson and receive his approval before proceeding.

4. Parks Department Report

No parks report was given.

5. Engineer's Report

Mr. Charles Peters updated Council on the following items:

- Wastewater treatment plant still waiting on repair of one item for completion. The contract had expired as of 2/12/09.
- Well #7 – building footings have been poured and the water connection made
- Lightning struck well #6 and caused a fire – repairs have begun to the electrical components

IV. Old Business

1. Dayco – contract extension request

Councilman Simmons motioned to renew the garbage franchise agreement and to extend the contract thru February, 2015, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

V. New Business

1. Legal Services of North Florida

Mr. Brian Norback, representing Legal Services of North Florida, made a short presentation to the council and audience of the services his office provides to Okaloosa and Walton counties. Legal Services of North Florida provides free legal services to those that can't afford it. No action was requested, or taken.

2. Bay Grove Office Park/Memo of Understanding

Mr. Russ Aldridge, representing the developers of Bay Grove Office Park, requested approval to forego paying of the sewer fees due on the development until construction of each building is complete. The development consists of twenty-two commercial lots and nine residential lots. Ms. Henninger reminded council that this project had begun construction before sewer was available in the area, and revised their plans to construct and connect to sewer when it became available. Attorney Adkinson recommended the fees due for each building be paid upon building permit application, rather than when completed. After short discussion regarding setting a precedence for each new development and requiring all residential fees be paid up front prior to any further development, Councilman Martin motioned to approve the payment of due sewer fees for the commercial lots (not residential) be paid prior to applying for a building permit or upon sale of the lot, whichever occurs first, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no additional public or council discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

3. Pay all bills in order

Councilman Martin motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

Mayor Marse informed council that the water department service truck had blown another motor and requested approval to purchase a truck – standard, four-wheel drive, not another service truck. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the purchase of the truck, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VIII. Adjournment

Councilman Martin motioned to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President